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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Re: Application of Andreas KASZKIN and Wolfgang STIEHL  
PROCESS AUTOMATION SYSTEM AND PROCESS DEVICE FOR A  
PROCESS AUTOMATION SYSTEM  
Assignee: SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT  
Our Ref. Q78536

Dear Sir:

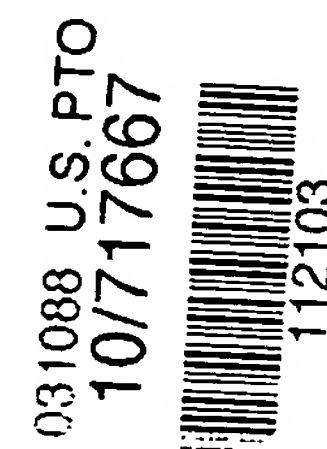
Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising thirteen (13) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and one (1) sheet of drawings. **Copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/DE02/01766, filed May 16, 2002, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Cover Page of the published International Application and a copy of Applicants' PCT Request.

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**The priority document will be filed at a later date.**

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